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Application of: Matsuyama, et al.

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Application No.: 09/913,521

Examiner: Angell, Jon E

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For: CHAIN-SHORTENED  
POLYNUCLEOTIDE AND METHOD FOR  
PREPARATION THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the USPTO Official Action mailed on February 13, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 8, as indicated:

*Sub C1/B1*  
1. (amended) A chain-shortened polynucleotide or salt thereof,  
comprising phosphodiester bonds, wherein [up] from about 0.1 percent to about 3  
percent of the phosphodiester bonds are 2'-5' phosphodiester bonds.

*Sub C2/B2*  
18. (amended) A composition comprising a complex formed from a carrier  
effective for introducing a medicament into a cell and a chain-shortened polynucleotide  
or salt thereof as an essential ingredient, wherein the chain-shortened polynucleotide or  
salt thereof comprises phosphodiester bonds, such that [up] from 0.1 percent to about 3  
percent of the phosphodiester bonds are 2'-5' phosphodiester bonds.

Please add the following new claims:

*Sub C3/B3*  
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20. (new) A method for preparing a polynucleotide or salt thereof in which  
the proportion of a 2'-5' phosphodiester bond is up to about 3% based on the total  
phosphodiester bonds and the average chain length is between 0.1 k bases and 1 k